



# ABC Update March 2013

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## New Commissioner Named for Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Public Protection Cabinet Secretary Robert D. Vance has named Frederick A. Higdon as the new commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Higdon's appointment is effective March 15, 2013 and runs through Dec. 31, 2016. He replaces Tony Dehner who was recently appointed Distilled Spirits Administrator at ABC upon the expiration of his term as commissioner. By statute, members of the ABC board serve for four-year terms.

"Freddie's many years of experience in both the practice of law as well as in accounting will help ABC as the department begins to move into a new era with updated laws and regulations that have been recommended to the General Assembly by the Governor's Task Force," said Secretary Vance. "I am excited about what he will bring to ABC and the administration in the coming years."

Higdon is a partner in the law firm of Spragens & Higdon, PSC in Lebanon, Ky., where he has practiced since 1976. He was appointed a Special Justice to the Kentucky Supreme Court in August, 2008. He received his *juris doctor* from the University of Louisville in 1975 and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1976. He served as a senior tax specialist with the Louisville firm Peat, Marwick & Mitchell & Co., (now KPMG), and as an accountant for Coopers and Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers). He currently serves as Chairman of the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents and is active in a number of Lebanon and Marion County civic activities.

"I am greatly honored and humbled to accept Governor Beshear's appointment. I look forward to serving the people of Kentucky and the ABC Agency which is known for its professionalism and dedication, especially in its efforts to restrict youth access to alcohol and tobacco, and its enforcement of compliance with ABC laws and regulations," said Higdon.

## Tiffany Quarles; Education Branch Manager

Tiffany Quarles, the former in-service training supervisor in the education branch, has been selected as the new education branch manager. Quarles will oversee the branch which runs the department's Server Training in Alcohol Regulations. The branch also is involved in alcohol awareness programs, prevention of underage drinking groups, and other outreach initiatives. Find out more at <http://abc.ky.gov/Pages/Education.aspx>.





## Tobacco Retailers Can Complete Free Training

Retailers selling tobacco products are encouraged to complete the TRUST training, a free online training that promotes compliance to tobacco laws. TRUST can be accessed from our website, <http://abc.ky.gov>.

## Upcoming Elections

On Tuesday, March 5, 2013, there will be a countywide local option election held in Owsley County. The question on the ballot will read; "Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages in Owsley County?"

## S.T.A.R. Training Dates

Below are upcoming dates for the Server Training in Alcohol Regulations. In addition to responsible sales and service training, we cover Kentucky-specific statutes and regulations, individual liabilities and fake IDs. Class time is four hours.

**Register for class and keep up with class changes and additions at <http://abc.ky.gov>.**



Class Date	Class Time	City	County	Location
03/05/2013	9:00AM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
03/05/2013	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
03/11/2013	9:00AM	Frankfort	Franklin	KY Alcoholic Bev Control
03/11/2013	9:00AM	Owensboro	Daviess	Cigar Factory Mall
03/12/2013	9:00AM	Somerset	Pulaski	Hampton Inn
03/12/2013	9:00AM	La Grange	Oldham	Fiscal Court Building
03/16/2013	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
03/18/2013	9:00AM	Georgetown	Scott	Hilton Garden Inn
03/19/2013	5:00PM	Paducah	McCracken	City Hall
03/19/2013	9:00AM	Danville	Boyle	Inter-County Energy Co-op
03/25/2013	9:00AM	Prestonsburg	Floyd	Jenny Wiley SRP
03/25/2013	9:00AM	Hopkinsville	Christian	Hampton Inn
03/26/2013	5:00PM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
03/26/2013	9:00AM	Murray	Calloway	Curris Center
04/02/2013	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
04/08/2013	5:00PM	Frankfort	Franklin	KY Alcoholic Bev Control
04/08/2013	5:00PM	Owensboro	Daviess	Cigar Factory Mall
04/15/2013	9:00AM	London	Laurel	Holiday Inn Express
04/15/2013	6:00PM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
04/15/2013	9:00AM	Elizabethtown	Hardin	Pritchard Community Center
04/16/2013	9:00AM	Paducah	McCracken	City Hall
04/20/2013	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
04/22/2013	9:00AM	La Grange	Oldham	Fiscal Court Building
04/23/2013	9:00AM	Corbin	Laurel	Hampton Inn
04/29/2013	9:00AM	Georgetown	Scott	Hilton Garden Inn
04/30/2013	5:00PM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
04/30/2013	5:00PM	Murray	Calloway	Curris Center